

Gere Proposes Economy Measure to Supervisors

There was little more than routine business done by the board of supervisors last night. It was a meeting largely taken up with communications, reports and official advice. Low and McClellan were absent and the house divided twice. In one case it was a question of bringing an idle steam roller over from Kahuku, and it was decided in the affirmative. The other proposition, though backed by the signed recommendation of four members of the ways and means committee, failed because the four were not all present and, besides a legal point was raised against it. This was a resolution to appropriate \$1000 for the purchase of four mules for the use of the garbage department. Murray presented it, but Arnold objected that the expenditure of more than \$500 required the advertising for bids. No action was therefore taken.

Office Consolidation.
Mayor Fern transmitted a letter from Engineer Gere recommending certain changes in handling the work of the engineer's road department. Mr. Gere's suggestions were as follows:

1. To combine the offices of engineer and road overseer with sufficient floor space for both—the office force to be a competent bookkeeper, a stenographer, and a timekeeper and detail clerk, the last to be a subordinate of the Honolulu road overseer. Do away with exigency clerk and clerk to the board of supervisors, as all this work could be done by the stenographer. Payrolls and material and supply bills of all outside districts, as well as Honolulu district, to go through the bookkeeper of the engineer, and all reports from these districts to be made to the engineer.

2. The building and plumbing inspector should be correlated with the engineer's department. The book-keeping could thus be concentrated and the duties of curb and sidewalk inspection perhaps added to that of the inspection of buildings and plumbing.

3. The Honolulu road overseer should be provided with a runabout automobile. As a business proposition the use of horses should be abandoned immediately.

4. The adoption of a policy of the maintenance of the roads we now have as a first charge upon the road moneys and new work to be undertaken only under special appropriation therefor by the board of supervisors.

Referred to the committee on roads, etc.

Wants Bandmaster's Job.

Mayor Fern submitted the application of one Will Edmunds for the position of bandmaster of the city band. "As I know of no vacancy in the position," the mayor wrote, "I would recommend that the application be filed." Adopted.

Mr. Edmunds with his letter submitted a playbill bearing two portraits of himself, in one standing with baton in hand beside a table having on it a wind instrument and in another sitting and playing a violin-cello, also shamrock in green with a Tarn's harp and angel superimposed, and above the artist's name the Irish motto, "Cead Mille Failte."

His letter contains an autobiographical sketch, saying, among other things: "I have been brought up in the musical profession all my life, being born of musical parents, my father being a cornet soloist and band leader of some of the finest bands in the North of England." He had been engaged in various bands in Ireland, including the "All Ireland Military Band," winner of the grand prize at the World's Fair in St. Louis in 1904, and as a member and director of the "Red Mill" Opera Company in 1909, his professional career having covered the past sixteen years. Mr. Edmunds has the signed endorsement of the following named gentlemen, who had heard him play: W. D. Adams, G. H. Buttolph, W. Beakane, A. Aalberg, Carlos Caceres and Frank H. Anderson. He was going to the Coast in the Lurline next Tuesday to complete existing contracts.

Status of Soldiers.
Deputy Attorney Milverton rendered an opinion on a question submitted as follows:
"In my opinion, a person does not, while in the army service, although stationed in the city and county of Honolulu, acquire such a legal residence as would entitle him to hold office or employment in the municipal government, unless he brings himself within the exemption relating to cases where it is not reasonably practical to obtain citizens competent for the particular service."

Reports of Committees.
The police committee reported on the employment of Mr. Roberbacher on the special force, that the facts as stated by the sheriff are correct and therefore it recommended that the

sheriff be allowed to continue the employment of Mr. Roberbacher.

The health committee recommended that J. H. Miehlestein, building and plumbing inspector, be granted the requested leave of absence for three months, and with pay.

Murray, on a motion by Arnold that the report be adopted, objected to the practice of giving so long vacations as three months with pay. He suggested that the attorney be asked for an opinion on the power of the board in such cases.

Arnold withdrew his motion and offered another that the report be laid on the table until the attorney gave his opinion.

Murray did not want to block the present recommendation, but wished to have the law stated for all cases.

It was left for the attorney's opinion.

The road committee reported that the plans and specifications for Nuuanu avenue construction were being advertised in the daily papers.

The same committee recommended that one Haas street sweeper be added to the city and county equipment, the purchase price being \$495. Referred to the ways and means committee.

The same committee, on a communication from the Kalili Improvement Club, reported that road work in Kalili would be taken up as soon as funds were available.

The same committee, on a communication from M. E. Menezes, recommended that work on Sixth avenue, Kaimuki, be taken up as soon as possible and be let out to contract.

The same committee recommended the adoption of the city and county engineer's report on the straightening of Makee Island road attached. The engineer said the construction of the street on the proposed lines would require the hauling in of 7400 cubic yards of earth, which at an estimated cost of 70 cents a cubic yard would entail an expenditure of \$5180. The cost of a new bridge would be approximately \$800 for a pile structure. It might be well, however, to make it a concrete pile with concrete, atab top, which would probably add \$700 to the cost.

A report from the health committee said it had agreed to undertake the removal of rubbish from the postoffice for \$24 a year, payable quarterly in advance.

The ways and means committee recommended an appropriation of \$1000 from the general fund for the purchase of four mules for the garbage departments. Murray introduced a resolution to appropriate the money, but on objection from Arnold no action was taken, as already stated.

Communications.

Deputy Attorney Milverton conveyed a letter written to Attorney Catcart by Judge Cooper, calling attention to a dangerous condition of the public highway between Moanua and Waiau on the way toward Pearl City.

Arnold told of road work being done in that quarter which would remove the ground of complaint, and the communication was referred to the road committee.

A letter was received from Governor Fern, in reply to a communication, stating that the paving controversy with the Honolulu Rapid Transit & Land Company, Ltd., was being submitted to the supreme court on an agreed statement of facts.

Marston Campbell wrote a letter answering a question about certain work the Rapid Transit company was doing, concluding: "Under these circumstances I cannot conceive of the Honolulu Rapid Transit & Land Company attempting anything in the line of paving except what might be considered as a reasonably temporary repair."

Park Matters.

H. P. O'Sullivan of Kalili Improvement Club, wrote calling attention to the necessity of parking the old school lot at Kaliliwaena. Referred to road committee.

O. Sorenson, of the Bishop Estate, notified the board that the land of Atkinson Park, Kewalo, on which heretofore taxes were remitted, was now assessed at \$2000 and the city and county as lessee would have to pay the tax. Referred to the committee on roads, bridges, parks, etc. This land is leased from the Bishop Estate at a nominal rental.

John J. Macgarvey complained by letter of eaves at Palolo which caused great annoyance. Referred to the police committee.

Thirteen Chinese engaged in business on Maunakea street petitioned that the hackstand on that thoroughfare be abolished, as it constituted a nuisance in the vicinity of places where meat and other foods were sold. Referred to the health committee.

Engineer Gere reported that the speedometer of his department's automobile registered 885 miles for February and 1025 for March.

E. M. Campbell of the treasurer's office, asked for leave of absence for two weeks from April 9, which was granted.

F. J. Dutra petitioned for extension of Broad lane to connect Buckle lane with Kukui street. Referred to the road committee.

Ordinances.

Deputy Attorney Milverton submitted two drafts of ordinances to amend ordinances 11 and 12 relating respectively to traffic upon streets and to regulating the carrying of passengers for hire.

Also a draft of ordinance relating to feed fish.

The ordinance relating to the construction and maintenance of sidewalks passed third reading.

The resolution appropriating \$8149 for Nuuanu avenue work passed third reading, and the resolution appropriating \$713.75 for Prospect street and other road purposes, second reading.

Murray introduced a resolution to appropriate \$545 for the purchase of two wagons for the garbage department, which passed first reading.

Engineer Gere's Farewell.

Dwight introduced a resolution which passed appropriating \$150 for one-half month's salary to G. H. Gere, the retiring city and county engineer, up to April 15. He stated that Mr. Gere had been engaged during the time in coaching his successor, Mr. Whitehouse, and besides during his entire incumbency he had never asked for a vacation.

Mr. Gere later took the opportunity of expressing his appreciation of the courtesy the board had always extended to him.

The Police Report.

Sheriff W. P. Jarrett sent in his report for March, showing 303 arrests, 57 discharges, 235 convictions, 19 defendants held to answer and \$2368.20 receipts in fines, costs and forfeitures. Nationalities of those convicted were—34 Hawaiians, 48 Chinese, 52 Japanese, 13 Portuguese and 88 others. Honolulu district had 230 of the arrests, 189 of the convictions and \$2010.50 of the receipts.

Current Bills Passed.

On the recommendations of the committees named, payments of current expenses were ordered as follows:

Ways and means—Seven salary and nine material and supply demands, making \$3305.35.

Roads, etc.—Four payroll and one material and supply demands, making \$2487.05.

Salaries—Three salary and three supply demands, making \$5442.37.

Sanitation and health—Seven salary and one supply demands, making \$1388.60.

The board adjourned to Tuesday evening next.

CORNERSTONE

the city government and the loan fund commission, all of which bodies have had or will have to do with the beautiful new school rising upon one of the most pleasant highlands of Honolulu.

Queen Liliuokalani was one of the earliest arrivals on the platform, and as she was escorted from the automobile the hundreds of residents assembled on the ground rose in respect to the amiable and venerable figure. Judge Dole shook hands and exchanged pleasant greetings with the queen.

There was music by the band, "Aloha Oe," the queen's own composition, first, and "Hawaii Ponoi," the Hawaiian national anthem, at the cornerstone laying. Rev. F. J. Williams offered an invocation. Father Valentin of the Catholic mission, a very active member of Waiwale, Kaimuki and Palolo Improvement Club, under whose auspices the event took place, was among those present.

Queen Liliuokalani applied the silver trowel made for the occasion and declared the stone well and truly laid, the whole audience, on and off the platform, standing.

Judge Dole's remarks were in part as follows: "It is a happy and appropriate feature of this occasion that the former Queen of Hawaii, whose name is given to the school that is to be established in this new building, has consented to lay its cornerstone, thus giving the school an incident that will go down the years in its annals, and will be treasured as one of its choicest traditions. Queen Liliuokalani has been closely in touch with the past eventful history of these islands, and is today a willing and public-spirited participant in the life of Hawaii's new state."

"With the meeting of races in Hawaii—the coming here of the representatives of divergent nations, in business enterprises, the social life of the place, in education, in politics—with the American policy of making Oahu a great strategic outpost of the United States involving extensive fortifications and an army of defenders and all the things that go with such occupation, and with the annually increasing

number of visitors to our shores, it is clear that we are at the beginning of a new epoch. With the passing of Hawaiian independence, the curtain was rung down on a romantic and picturesque past, rich with heroic and pathetic memories. The pressing conditions of the present outline a future full of difficulty and yet full of opportunity. Communication with all the world brings up the good and the bad, the lady bug and the Mediterranean fly; the philanthropist and the adventurer, the industrious man and the tramp, and we have to consider and deal with all these varying elements of our field of activity.

"If the paramount aim of education is, or should be, character development, surely the secondary object must be facility—that personal quality by which one deals with his environment, in other words, the ability to accomplish—to do things—to make a living—to achieve success in any particular direction.

"Manual training is a difficult matter perhaps for a day school to handle; yet a beginning has been made in the public schools of Hawaii, which is meritorious, especially considering the rather inadequate provision for such instruction. I look hopefully forward to a time when every plan for a new schoolhouse here shall include somewhere—in the basement perhaps, or the attic, or anywhere—rooms for instruction in those things where the hand and the brain work together.

"School traditions, where they are characterized by growth, endeavor and a noble school spirit, are an inspiring heritage. In the organization of a new school there is a free field for laying the foundation of things that shall become the worthy traditions which may stimulate the enthusiasm of the pupils of future years. The new Liliuokalani schoolhouse promises well as the home of a great school—great in character, in accomplishment and in the spirit of the school body. It has back of it, not to speak of the recognized ability of the commissioners of public instruction, the Kaimuki Improvement Club of Honolulu, one more imbued with public spirit and intelligent civic enterprise. To this club is due the inception of this splendid undertaking, and largely to it the commodious plan and fine proportions of the building. I feel that the school may rely upon the generous interest of the members of this club in the coming years.

"The state may not teach the dogmas of religion, but the things that go to the formation of good citizenship she must inculcate in her schools. Virtue, honesty, honor, patriotism—these foundation elements of citizenship, no government can afford to neglect on the plea that parents and private schools look after them. For the honor and strength of the state it is essential that every school shall be a school of patriotism, and that the school spirit shall be a training influence for that—the greater enthusiasm which means loyalty to one's country and fair play to all the world."

Judge Dole related in brief the history of educational institutions and growth in Hawaii, and mentioned a number of the problems that have presented themselves for solution in the past and are now confronting the educators of the Territory.

Representative Ed Towse, who had presented the queen with the trowel in appropriate remarks, delivered the closing address. He said in part:

"The people of this district propose to use this piece of public property. We propose to make it our neighborhood center to the ends that we may become better acquainted, that recreation may be provided, that community sentiment may be focused upon community interest and that mature public opinion and popular government may become more effective. And we shall endeavor to show our loyalty to this school and all its significant purposes.

"The greatest thing under our flag is the public school. It is our heaviest investment and our chief pride. Education is our biggest industry and the free school our most cherished institution. The seed sown in the public school of our land has had its fruition in useful lives, and the government of the United States is efficient and successful because the public school is efficient and successful. All walks of life in our social order are influenced and carried forward by the work of the public school. This day it is opening the gateways of opportunity to 20,000,000 of the youth of our land.

"Providence grant that from this center there shall radiate a force that will strengthen and perpetuate all our desires and all our prayers for a future shaped and fashioned by that supreme intelligence which finds its highest expression in friendliness and in toleration."

Liliuokalani school is being erected under an appropriation of \$60,000, to cover building and furniture, out of the loan fund. Its material is reinforced concrete and norwest pine. The architect is J. H. Craig and the contractor A. P. McDonald.

Besides the queen's two books and musical compositions and copies of

BIG IMPROVEMENT SHOWN THIS WEEK

The week just closed on the stock exchange has been a decided improvement over the past several weeks in the amount of business transacted. The apprehension with regard to tariff legislation, which has had a depressing effect for several weeks, gave way to more optimistic feeling at the beginning of this week, and the market gained strength rapidly until within the past two or three days, when the continued falling in price of raw sugar quotations has begun to be felt.

The number of shares of the various stocks listed sold during the week was 5511, valued at \$135,327.37; this against 2263 shares, valued at \$52,608 sold last week, and 3681 shares valued at \$101,651.37, for the week previous.

A summary of the sales for the week follows:

Ewa—640 shares sold for \$21, 113.12, as follows: 625 at 33, 5 at 32.87, 10 at 32.75.

Hawaiian Commercial—445 shares sold for \$19,930, as follows: 120 at 45, 240 at 44.75, 75 at 44.50, 10 at 45.25.

Honokaa—165 shares sold for \$1246.62, all at 11.87.

McBryde—1495 shares sold for \$13, 868.12, as follows: 315 at 9.37, 1180 at 9.25.

Oahu—735 shares sold for \$21,358, as follows: 105 at 29.25, 30 at 29.12, 484 at 29, 16 at 28.87, 100 at 28.75.

Olaa—1320 shares sold for \$10, 767.50, as follows: 910 at 7.75, 40 at 7.62, 220 at 7.50, 150 at 7.37.

Onomae—10 shares sold for \$510, all at 51.

Panauhau—100 shares sold for \$2562.50, all at 25.62.

Pioneer—357 shares sold for \$12, 698, as follows: 36 at 35, 151 at 35.50, 170 at 35.75.

Waiwale—155 shares sold for \$20,270 as follows: 105 at 130, 55 at 132.

Brewery—25 shares sold for \$587.50, all at 23.50.

Inter-Island—37 shares sold for \$6142, all at 166.

Hilo Railroad Com.—27 shares sold for \$254, as follows: 17 at 9.50, 10 at 9.25.

O. R. L.—20 shares sold for \$3220, all at 161.

Pahang Rubber—40 shares sold for \$500, all at 20.

Bonds.

\$45,000 Natamas Con. Co. at 94.

11,000 Olaa Co. at 96.75.

14,000 Olaa Co. at 97.

5,000 Hilo Ex. Co. at 94.50.

\$75,000.

LOOKING OVER

FILIPINO LABOR

Royal D. Mead, director of the bureau of labor of the Hawaiian sugar planters, arrived home this morning from a tour of the island of Hawaii, as escort to Sr. Joaquin Balmore, the Filipino representative who arrived here recently for the purpose of looking into the condition of the Filipino immigrant laborers on the island plantations. Senator Balmore stopped off at Maui on the return trip, and will not be back to Honolulu until next week.

Practically all of the plantations on which the Filipinos are employed on the Big Island were visited, and the investigator given every opportunity to see just how his fellow countrymen are faring and how they are enjoying life in Hawaii.

"I do not care to speak for Senator Balmore, or to attempt to give his impressions of what he saw," said Mr. Mead this morning. "There isn't any question, however, that the Filipinos on the Hawaiian plantations are faring far better than they ever did at home."

Just what the result of the Filipino investigator's visit will be is problematical, inasmuch as there has been a general disposition in the Philippines to discourage the efforts of the Hawaiian planters' recruiting agents, for the reason that labor is needed badly for the development of the Philippine Islands themselves.

STOCK SALES

Honolulu Stock Exchange: Between Boards—25 Waiwale 130, 10do. 130, 10 do. 130, 10do. Olaa 66 97, 50 Olaa 7.37, 85 Oahu Sugar Co. 29.

Serious Sales—50 Olaa 7.37, 35 do. 7.37, 5 do. 7.37, 10 Ewa 32.75, 6 Oahu Sugar Co. 28.87, 10 do. 28.87, 50 do. 28.75, 25 do. 28.75, 25 do. 28.75, 5 Honolulu B. & M. Co. 23.50, 5 do. 23.50, 15 do. 23.50, 20 Honokaa 11.87.

Sugar Quotations—96 deg. Centrifugal's 4.045. 88 deg. Analysis Beets 13s. 11d. Parity 4.79.

The Honolulu dailies, the cornerstone contain data of the improvement club and the first and latest issues of Thrum's Annual, 1865 and 1912.

SUGAR DROP NOT THOUGHT SERIOUS

For the first time in a good many months the price of 96 degree centrifugals has dropped below 4 cents, or \$80 per ton. The quotation from San Francisco today, however, gives the price 3.98 cents, equal to \$79.60 per ton.

Sugar men generally do not appear to have any serious apprehensions that the lower prices will be of very long duration. The price of European beet sugar has begun to advance, and the parity difference between beets and cane is now over \$15 per ton. Within another month or two the Cuban crop will be pretty well out of the way, and with no large surplus in sight prices are practically certain to advance in marked degree.

Alexander & Baldwin received a cable from their New York office this morning, dated yesterday, explaining a mistake in quotation sent earlier in the day. The cable follows:

"There was a sale of 96 degree centrifugals yesterday that affected the basis of Hawaiian sugars, at 3.98. Holders of raws are asking 4.05, but not firm at that price."

The Sugar Factors' Company received cable advice this morning to the effect that the last half of the S. S. Columbian's cargo had reached market in New York, getting in with sugar at 4.045 cents per pound.

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